

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00pm - Saints Peter & Paul

Sunday:

7:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

10:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

Eucharistic Adoration:

First Friday of Every Month 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Confession:

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:30pm

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Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

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STEWARDSHIP

Mass Schedule

Saints Peter and Paul

Tuesday: 12:15pm

Wednesday: 12:15pm

Thursday: 12:15pm

Friday: 12:15pm

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30 am

We Live Stream weekend Mass on the parish website:
www.sspeterandpaulplains.com
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Mar. 15 - 4:00pm:

248 people attended

156 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,009.00

Sunday, Mar. 16 - 7:30am:

127 people attended

82 envelopes received

Offering \$1,627.50

Sunday, Mar. 16 - 10:30am:

200 people attended

105 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,029.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

If anyone would like to sponsor the Paschal candle which burns from this Easter until next Easter, it is available for sponsorship.

If interested, please call MaryAnn at the Parish Office at 570-825-6663.



Stations of the Cross

Stations will be held every Friday during Lent after the 12:15 mass, and 5:30pm.

The Light Is On For You

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be on **Monday, March 10th** and continue **through April 14th** from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**. Please try to celebrate this sacrament during this time of Lent.

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

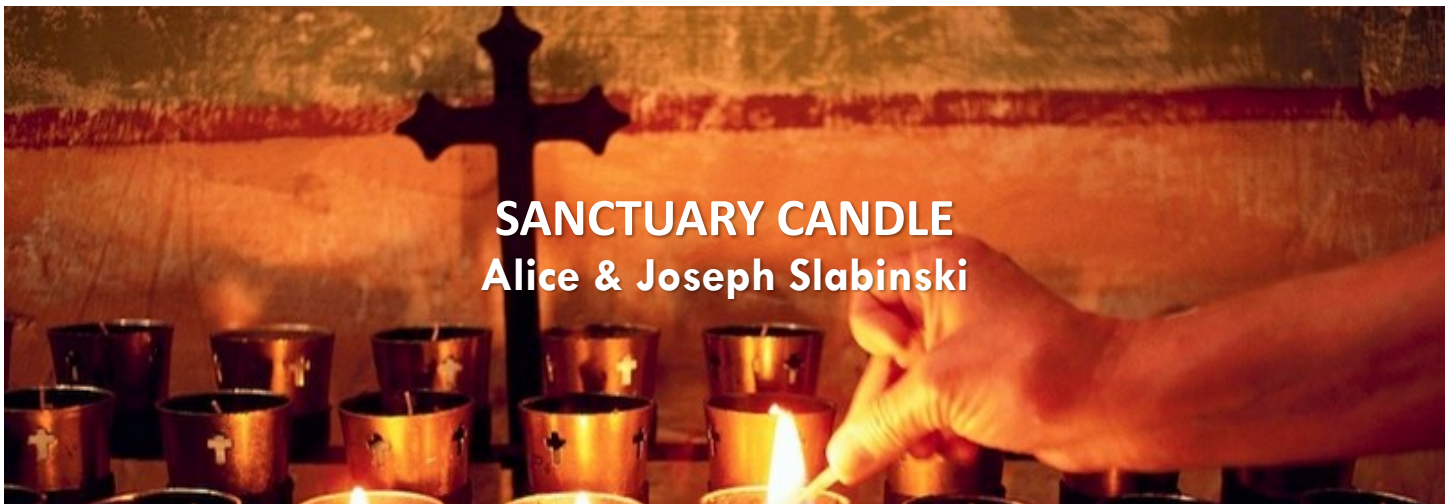
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|----------|--------|-------------------|---|
| Saturday | Mar 22 | 4:00pm | Dorothy Luchetti by Children |
| Sunday | Mar 23 | 7:30am 10:30am | Corrada Pascucci Angeli by Charlotte & Linda Dominick Joseph Gronkowski by Wife, Children, & Grandchildren |

DAILY MASSES

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|-----------|--------|---------|---|
| Tuesday | Mar 25 | 12:15pm | Mary Joan Vodzak by Michael & Barbara Sharry |
| Wednesday | Mar 26 | 12:15pm | Vetchercofski Family by Elaine |
| Thursday | Mar 27 | 12:15pm | Deceased Members of Parise Family by Rosemary Parise |
| Friday | Mar 28 | 12:15pm | Louis Luchetti by Children |

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

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|----------|--------|-------------------|--|
| Saturday | Mar 29 | 4:00pm | Edmund Suchocki by Suchocki Family |
| Sunday | Mar 30 | 7:30am 10:30am | Mary C. Kwak by Family Elizabeth Rose Lauro by Sister, Annamarie Ceccoli & Family |



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Alice & Joseph Slabinski

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 23, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Loving Father,

*So many times I
turn away from
you*

*and always you
welcome me back.*

*Your mercy and
love gives me
confidence*

*Thank you for
the invitation to
share, fast and
pray*

*so that you can
form a new heart
within me.*

*Your powerful
compassion for
my weaknesses
leads me to ask
for mercy
and await with
great hope the
Easter joy you
share with us.*

Amen

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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"He came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the Lord appeared to him in fire flaming out of the bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So, Moses decided, 'I must go over to look at this remarkable sight and see why the bush is not burned.' When the Lord saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, 'Moses, Moses.' He answered 'Here I am'... 'Come no nearer! Remove your sandals from your feet, for this is holy ground.'"

A new page in salvation history. Moses meets God, conversing with him in the burning bush. Wherever we are reading this, it is our Horeb. He wants us to come closer to continuing His work. As Moses was curious, so are we, as He calls us to live this Lent, by our prayer, sacrifices and good works.

He wants us to recognize His presence with us. He is asking us to come closer to Him so we can make His presence, His love and salvation known. Surely Moses didn't know what to expect but the Lord had a plan for him. He has one for us too. Why did Jesus come?

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH MARCH

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For March, our focus will be faith and liturgical ministry*

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Most of us will decide on something to give up, many times a food or drink we enjoy. Did you also consider adding an action? This could be to complain less, perform more acts of kindness, or to truly listen to someone who needs help. Another action you could consider is to serve in one of our liturgical ministries. Lectors read the Word of God. Ministers of the Eucharist distribute the Body of Christ. Ushers do the work of Jesus by being welcoming, just as Jesus was to the crowds. Altar servers and acolytes directly aid the priest and deacon in the performing of the Mass. Music ministry worships God through song. "Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good! Sing to his name, for it brings joy!" (Psalm 135:3). Participating in any of the liturgical ministries is bringing us closer to Jesus, for we get to experience the Mass through a different lens. Your commitment to becoming a liturgical minister will help to deepen your faith. Please take some time this month and consider becoming a member of one or more of our liturgical ministries. You will not be sorry!

This cannot be said too many times – a Parish needs a vibrant community to survive. So take the opportunity in reflective silence and seriously consider being an active Lay Ministry participant. This will lead you to a life of deeper and strengthening faith.



Love. Grow. Serve.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office, who will connect you to the appropriate Ministry leader or check the bulletin for Ministry contacts.

WEEKLY READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;
Lk 13:1-9

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b;
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10;
Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28;
Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6;
Lk 18:9-14

SERVICE

We are Called to Serve...

*"Do you understand what I just did for you?
You address me as 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and fittingly
enough, for that is what I am. But if I washed your
feet—I who am Teacher and Lord—then you must wash
each other's feet. What I just did was to give an
example: as I have done, so you must do."*

(John 12:2-15)

Loaves and Fishes

For the month of **March** we will collect **Tuna & Peanut Butter**.

Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills, and Parsons area in need of food can **contact Pauline at 570-472-1646 to register. Food is distributed to the community on the third Friday of every month. Non perishable** food donations are always accepted. Please place them in the basket in the vestibule of the Church.

Treasures

We are now accepting clean, gently used **Spring clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off at 155 Austin Ave in Parsons during business hours only.

Mondays 4pm-6pm & Fridays 10am-12 pm.

Prayer Shawls

can be given to anyone for many reasons! Comfort, illness, occasions, friendship & joy. If there is anyone that would like to receive a shawl or request one for someone, please contact the Parish Office

Saints Peter & Paul Parish Ministries

Pauline Makowski, *Food Pantry*

Mary Jo Marek, *Prayer Shawl*

Laura Rudloff, *Treasures*

Kathy Grinaway, *Hospitality*

Claire Koshinski, *Women's Society of Saints Peter & Paul*

Memorial Donations

The following donations/memorials have recently been given to our parish to support: Food Pantry; Bernardine Hall; Parish Scholarships; and General donations.

Food Pantry

\$20 Anonymous

\$100 Anthony J. & Carol Caravaggio

In Memory of Linda Reedy

\$20 Anonymous

Reminder:

Food Pantry for April will be Friday, April 11th, 2025. The change of date is due to the 3rd Friday of the month being Good Friday. Please mark your calendars!

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and loved ones in our prayers.



Rectory, Set, Cook!

Father Jack recently participated in the 2025 Rectory, Set, Cook competition and needs your help!
Please consider donating so he can win the competition!

Every dollar is one vote. Let's help Father Jack get the most votes!

To watch the video, go onto Saints Peter and Paul website or Facebook page.

The link to the YouTube video is available to view, and there is also a link to donate to this fundraiser. Just click right on the link and it will take you to the page to donate towards Father Jack!

If you cannot access the link online, just type
<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2025PASTORCHEF/team/FrJackLambert>
into google or whatever web browser you use.

Thank you all for your help!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our recent Night at the Races a
success.

Whether you bought a horse, sold a horse, sponsored a race, attended the
race, donated food, desserts, or spirits for our baskets of cheer, worked at
the race, helped in the kitchen, served food or contributed in any manner,
your individual efforts helped make this event a huge success for the
Parish Community of Saints Peter and Paul.

The event was attended by almost 300 people and was a truly
enjoyable evening!

Father Jack

Don Prescavage, Chairman-Night at the Races

March/April

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--------------------------|-----------|--|---|--|
| 23 Faith Formation- 9-10am | 24 Confessions- 5pm-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Stations of the Cross– After 12:15 Mass & 5:30pm Treasures- 10am-12pm | 29 |
| 30 Faith Formation- 9-10am | 31 Confessions- 5pm-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm | 1 April | 2 | 3 Women's Society 6:30pm– Parish Dining Hall | 4 Stations of the Cross– After 12:15 Mass & 5:30pm Treasures- 10am-12pm | 5 |
| 6 Faith Formation- 9-10am | 7 Confessions- 5pm-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm | 8 | 9 | 10 Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall Food Pantry Prep | 11 Stations of the Cross– After 12:15 Mass & 5:30pm Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm | 12 |
| 13 Palm Sunday Faith Formation- 9-10am | 14 Confessions- 5pm-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm | 15 | 16 | 17 Holy Thursday– Mass 7pm | 18 Good Friday– Service 12pm | 19 Holy Saturday– Basket Blessing 12pm Easter Vigil 8pm |



COMMUNITY

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SELLING POTATO PANCAKES AND PIZZA

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston, will hold food sales **each Friday in Lent as well as Good Friday (March 7 through April 18)**. This year, we will be selling Potato Pancakes at 3 for \$5.00 and your choice of take-and-heat Red Pizza or White Pizza with Broccoli for \$15.00 a tray. **Pickup will be from 3:30 to 6:00 PM each Friday** in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (entrance on Church Street). Please call the parish office at 570-654-0053 by Thursday of each week to place your orders.

St. Joseph Mareello Parish to host Big Prize Bingo

St. Joseph Mareello Parish, **237 William Street in Pittston**, will hold their annual BIG PRIZE BINGO on **Sunday, March 30, with doors opening at 12:30pm and games beginning at 2pm**, in their Parish Hall. Prizes include home goods, outdoor items, purses and several CASH PRIZES. Tickets for this bingo will cost \$25 when purchased in advance or \$30 if purchased at the door (if tickets are still available). Bingo tickets include entrance and 20 regular games. Special games will be available for purchase, along with additional regular games, Bingo dabbers and other fun extras. Food and beverages will be available for purchase through our kitchen. Tickets are now available: please call the Parish Office at 570-654-6902 to reserve your tickets. We will reserve tables on a first-come, first-served basis for any PARTIES OF 8-10. Seating for parties less than 8 will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

LENTEN HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

All of the faithful in the Diocese of Scranton are invited to a Lenten Holy Hour with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, to commemorate the diocesan phase of the 2025 Holy Year of Hope. These gatherings will take place in each of the twelve deaneries of the Diocese of Scranton.

The Lenten Holy Hour for our deanery, the Wilkes-Barre Deanery, will take place on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM, at Saint Nicholas-Saint Mary Parish, 226 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

A Jubilee Year is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on the spiritual life.

The Jubilee Year 2025 will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness, Pope Francis, so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

Mark your calendars and plan on joining Bishop Bambera for this special Holy Year celebration.



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2020 Wilkes-Barre Marketplace, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

April 3, 2025 5PM - 9PM

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1** Start your order at redrobin.com/order and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

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